

then civilizes, savages; and to-day the weightiest obligations are the well-earned claims of PROTESTANT MISSIONARY INSTITUTIONS on men of commerce and science, legislators and sovereigns--on territories, colonies, and empires,—an indebtedness not always acknowledged, but increasing as the globe is evangelized by the diffusion of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

Canadian Christians possess Societies which have fellowship in spirit with the Missionary Societies of all countries, and their Missions have done more for this country than all other means. The cities, towns, and settlements of Canada are now astir with the attractive and important Anniversaries of the Branches of the popular Wesleyan Missionary Society; and there never was a period when its religious and financial claims were more meritorious and pressing. Its multitudinous friends remember the duty which God has commanded to be discharged. They think with gratitude of past exhilarating tokens for good. Their faith safely infers that the tokens can be repeated and multiplied; and their present privilege is, to pray much more fervently, and give much more generously, to sustain and extend the Missions, for the well-being of man in the Canadas, in the Hudson's Bay Territory, and in British Columbia.

The goings forth of men of wisdom, character, and heroism into all countries have resulted in scenes of brightness, tranquility, sanctity, and love: and there are millions more to be blessed. O for the Spirit's seven-fold energies, and the washings of Jesus' blood in all lands! *No Christian is exempt from the duties of strong Missionary faith and an abounding Missionary benevolence.* The solicitude of every man should be for his own adaptation to the transcendent calling of blessing others—blessing many. God confers the needed knowledge, the sympathy, the means, and the purpose. The venerated George Herbert's quaintness is here in place:

“I throw me at His feet.
There will I lie, until my Maker seek
For some mean stuff whereon to show His skill:
Then is my time.”

Such prostration made universal, the spirit and intentions of all Churches and their peerless Missionary Societies would be elevated, and fresh marvellous results would animate and embolden the pioneers of Christendom, who sublimely in every clime seek and save the lost, and prepare all tongues to magnify for ever the God of light and love.

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